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Applicant: KINO et al

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION

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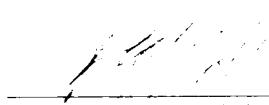
In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, Applicants hereby elect

Group I, Claims 1 - 5, drawn to a microbial process for producing various amino acids.

The election is made without traverse.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (506.39084X00).

Respectfully submitted,
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